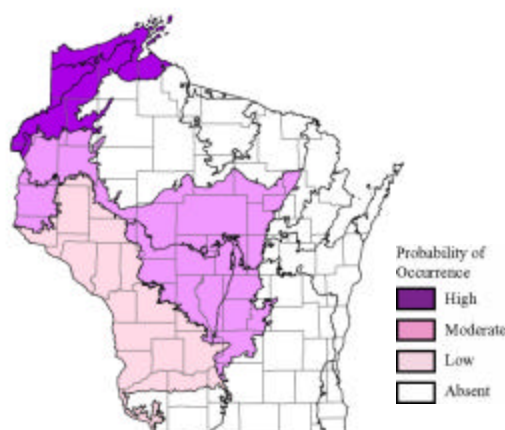


Le Conte's Sparrow (*Ammodramus leconteii*)

Species Assessment Scores*

State rarity:	4
State threats:	4
State population trend:	5
Global abundance:	3
Global distribution:	4
Global threats:	3
Global population trend:	3
Mean Risk Score:	3.7
Area of importance:	2

* Please see the [Description of Vertebrate Species Summaries \(Section 3.1.1\)](#) for definitions of criteria and scores.



Ecological Landscape Associations

Please note that this is not a range map. Shading does not imply that the species is present throughout the Landscape, but represents the probability that the species occurs somewhere in the Landscape.

Landscape-community Combinations of Highest Ecological Priority

Ecological Landscape	Community
Central Sand Plains	Northern sedge meadow
Central Sand Plains	Surrogate grasslands
Northwest Lowlands	Northern sedge meadow
Northwest Lowlands	Open bog
Northwest Sands	Northern sedge meadow
Northwest Sands	Open bog
Northwest Sands	Surrogate grasslands
Superior Coastal Plain	Northern sedge meadow
Superior Coastal Plain	Open bog
Superior Coastal Plain	Shore fen
Western Prairie	Surrogate grasslands

Threats and Issues

- Succession of sedge meadows, wet meadows, and upland grasslands to shrublands or woods, due to lack of fire or other management to suppress woody growth.
- Flooding of wet meadows.
- Intensification of agriculture, including early and frequent harvest of hay and conversion of grassland and former sedge or grass wetlands to row crops or tree plantations.
- Loss of grassland habitat due to development.
- Disturbance of grassland nesting cover during the breeding season.
- This species does not tolerate grazing.
- Invasion by woody plants or aggressive herbaceous species, including cattails, yellow parsnip, crown vetch, leafy spurge, thistles, reed canary grass, and some goldenrods can degrade habitat quality of grasslands for this species.

Priority Conservation Actions

- Create incentives for delaying hay harvesting until after the breeding season.
- Do not enhance conifer succession in areas with Le Conte's Sparrow.